

Access to naloxone has increased, but remains limited by prescription status.

From 2016 to 2021, naloxone prescriptions dispensed from pharmacies increased from almost 134,000 to nearly 1.2 million prescriptions. The American Medical Association urges physicians to prescribe naloxone to patients at risk of overdose and all those who are in a position to save a life from overdose. The AMA also urges removal of the prescription status of naloxone to make it more available in the community and over-the-counter.



Total dispensed prescriptions for naloxone in retail pharmacies

State	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% increase 2016-2021	% increase 2020-2021
AK	1	2		15	89	635	1,092	1,233	1,260	1,863	1993.3%	47.9%
AL	17	2	127	503	1,405	2,565	5,902	8,102	9,867	13,364	851.2%	35.4%
AR	8	16	16	21	342	958	5,873	6,938	9,656	26,863	7754.7%	178.2%
AZ	11	10	52	135	2,021	8,284	25,328	30,506	35,088	42,738	2014.7%	21.8%
CA	75	318	827	2,624	9,688	16,148	41,471	184,735	148,144	169,064	1645.1%	14.1%
CO	22	17	68	562	2,088	2,733	5,093	11,197	14,896	18,923	806.3%	27.0%
CT	14	103	156	407	5,724	5,483	9,383	11,465	13,198	15,269	166.8%	15.7%
DC		2	3	34	431	785	1,844	5,060	6,146	5,613	1202.3%	-8.7%
DE		1	230	83	132	695	2,035	2,399	2,905	3,509	2558.3%	20.8%
FL	29	10	268	1,270	7,887	12,870	54,554	47,208	52,962	50,839	544.6%	-4.0%
GA	53	35	154	445	1,918	2,994	7,816	13,631	16,015	18,906	885.7%	18.1%
HI		1	11	18	71	266	1,121	1,532	1,871	2,169	2954.9%	15.9%
IA	8	6	22	16	153	469	2,125	2,919	3,864	4,994	3164.1%	29.2%
ID	12	17	24	88	789	813	2,858	4,023	4,941	6,154	680.0%	24.5%
IL	15	9	27	328	1,481	4,919	10,806	19,010	21,009	24,497	1554.1%	16.6%
IN	10	16	79	133	1,373	3,224	12,714	13,388	20,150	27,473	1900.9%	36.3%
KS	32	26	316	443	893	1,438	3,632	5,121	5,174	4,969	456.4%	-4.0%
KY	23	30	61	152	1,966	4,696	8,309	13,428	18,126	29,124	1381.4%	60.7%
LA	5	8	61	113	1,263	1,858	8,985	7,008	8,227	9,125	622.5%	10.9%
MA	10	40	397	3,175	10,515	14,212	21,443	25,319	25,652	28,076	167.0%	9.4%
MD	14	22	465	2,545	8,966	17,449	20,967	31,683	33,792	32,874	266.7%	-2.7%
ME	1	2	22	47	293	808	1,660	3,915	6,021	6,416	2089.8%	6.6%
MI	58	55	53	193	1,905	6,799	14,794	25,661	25,791	30,515	1501.8%	18.3%
MN	33	35	75	103	1,063	2,135	6,543	7,620	9,728	11,814	1011.4%	21.4%
MO	4	5	37	67	732	3,317	7,128	9,732	16,211	23,312	3084.7%	43.8%
MS	15	26	185	123	189	1,195	2,323	3,020	3,408	4,614	2341.3%	35.4%
MT	30	27	21	18	167	490	1,394	2,664	2,660	3,765	2154.5%	41.5%
NC	35	62	171	2,961	12,276	17,520	29,233	34,507	38,243	39,359	220.6%	2.9%
ND	7	16	5	42	120	337	375	671	1,125	2,141	1684.2%	90.3%
NE	4	4	13	10	96	353	1,150	1,618	1,836	3,384	3425.0%	84.3%
NH	3	2	22	258	795	694	1,332	3,053	3,250	2,968	273.3%	-8.7%
NJ	14	12	51	591	1,788	4,177	8,117	10,215	43,431	31,741	1675.2%	-26.9%
NM	15	13	138	322	2,904	4,551	10,542	34,125	31,081	31,481	984.1%	1.3%
NV	6	14	19	47	2,647	3,052	5,259	7,896	9,847	10,494	296.4%	6.6%
NY	24	29	156	392	4,698	6,682	11,226	22,524	29,187	39,417	739.0%	35.0%
OH	59	100	465	1,677	5,930	8,972	18,964	43,641	44,991	53,094	795.3%	18.0%
OK	52	19	26	1,390	4,825	7,031	12,406	12,495	13,393	14,781	206.3%	10.4%
OR	9	13	61	292	1,546	2,924	7,207	10,632	12,953	15,611	909.8%	20.5%
PA	72	41	203	1,260	6,955	15,850	36,222	51,165	61,250	65,716	844.9%	7.3%
RI	7	21	584	658	1,218	1,107	6,836	9,333	10,475	10,585	769.0%	1.1%
SC	10	7	28	262	1,140	2,372	9,445	10,247	12,097	40,990	3495.6%	238.8%
SD	8	4	8	8	154	254	205	587	658	1,071	595.5%	62.8%
TN	54	26	80	465	5,044	12,112	21,026	27,086	27,518	33,440	563.0%	21.5%
TX	53	69	105	429	5,146	10,108	27,651	32,193	32,662	34,044	561.6%	4.2%
UT	43	41	36	254	3,556	5,024	6,005	6,608	7,935	10,456	194.0%	31.8%
VA	14	18	177	312	2,736	31,808	29,164	37,460	44,711	48,943	1688.9%	9.5%
VT	1		9	41	233	2,134	1,756	2,114	2,453	2,368	916.3%	-3.5%
WA	18	57	142	455	3,248	6,607	13,075	26,874	28,760	39,566	1118.2%	37.6%
WI	7	21	57	68	2,245	5,585	6,531	10,564	11,869	16,716	644.6%	40.8%
WV	38	9	114	231	987	2,083	3,684	8,410	10,714	14,559	1375.1%	35.9%
WY	8	5	3	8	135	408	892	1,168	1,609	5,369	3877.0%	233.7%
U.S. total	1,061	1,444	6,430	26,094	133,966	269,983	555,496	903,703	998,810	1,185,136	784.7%	18.7%

Data source: IQVIA Xponent limited to retail pharmacy dispensed prescriptions; USC 78312 (opioid reversal agents).